LOK SABHA

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1991/Sravana 23, 1913 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY (Coimbatore) : Sir, we want to raise an issue of privilege. *(Interruptions)*

At this stage, Shri C. K. Kuppuswamy came and sat on the floor near the Table.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar) : This morning at about 9.30 there was a murderous attack at the house of Shri Madhav Rao Scindia. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK (Buldana) : The Home Minister should come to the House and make a statement. *(Interruptions)*

The Leader of the Opposition should come and give an apology to Shri Madhav Rao Scindia. *(Interruptions)*

At 9.30 in the morning today, more than one hundred and fifty BJP workers went to Shri Madhav Rao Scindia's residence and tried to assault Shri Madhav Rao Scindia. They pelted stones. They smashed all the vehicles that were there. They attacked all the people there, and many people were injured. The Personal Security Guard of Shri Madhav Rao Scindia, one Shri Balbir Singh, was also seriously injured. There were few other persons and visitors who were also injured. This cannot be tolerated. *(Interruptions)*

We demand that the Leader of the Opposition should be called to the House. Shri Lal K. Advani should apologise to Shri Madhav Rao Scindia. The Home Minister should make a statement on this. *(Interruptions)*

The Government should arrest the people who are responsible for this. The BJP should also take whatever action they deem fit against the culprits who were there in the morning. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : We cannot allow it to go on like this.

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Unless and until Shri Advani, the Leader of the Opposition apologises we are not going to allow any discussion here. Let the Home Minister come and make a statement. This is our basic right. This is a very serious matter. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa) : What is the Intelligence doing in the country ? Where is the Government ? You support the sadistic elements and they take revenge for that. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bholpur) : What is happening in this country ? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Shri Advani should come and apologise. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : This House has been held to ransom. The House was held to ransom. *(Interruptions)*

This House was held to ransom. Then, some arrangement was made. I am not going into that. They have withdrawn it. Yesterday, the purpose has been fulfilled. I am told just now that the security guard of Shri Madhav Rao Scindia, the Minister in his House has been beaten up... *(Interruptions)* They entered Shri Scindia's House... *(Interruptions)*. What is happening ? The Government must tell us what is the security ? In future shall we speak in the country only to keep them in good humour and as also to speak in this House with their permission ? Will they decide what the Members will do ? ... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY : I demand that the Prime Minister should make a statement...

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Shri Lal K. Advani should be called to the House. Shri Advani should be summoned to the House immediately... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDEZ (Muzaffarpur) : Through you, Sir, I request the Hon. Prime Minister to respond to this... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : Shri Abedin Zainal has been threatened because he had moved a Resolution in the House about the religious shrines and monuments to maintain their *status quo* as on 15 August, 1947. He was threatened and the Government had to provide him security. The same forces are operating because Shri Madhav Rao Scindia has characterised certain activities as anti-national and unpatriotic and, therefore, has been attacked upon. Can this be tolerated ? The Leader of the House who was eloquent in supporting the election of the Deputy Speaker yesterday should tell us how this has happened. Are we not free to say whatever we want inside the Parliament, within the bounds of Parliament propriety ? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY : Sir, the Government should take action first. If the Government is not taking any action, let there be a House Committee. We cannot allow sadistic forces to continue like this. They may for their political expediency support this party or that party... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, what remains of the freedom of speech of the Members ? ... *(Interruptions)*. This is their right.

SHRI MURLI DEORA (Bombay South) : The Government must come out with the facts in the matter. We request the Prime Minister to make a statement in the House... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : The House has to be adjourned. It cannot function like this... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Sir, the House has to be adjourned. Shri Advani has to be sum-

moned. The Home Minister has to make a statement. Unless and until this is going to happen, there will be no functioning of the House. Unless and until Shri Advaniji is summoned to the House and the Home Minister is asked to make a statement, there cannot be any business... *(Interruptions)*. This is not only an assault on one Member of the House. This is an assault on the democratic rights of the Members. You will have to give your own ruling. But, we are very clear in our thinking that unless and until Shri Advani apologises, we will not allow this House to function.

At this stage Shri C. K. Kuppuswamy went back to his seat.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Sir, the terrorists functioning in Kashmir or in Punjab, whatever be their religion, are trying to disrupt the country... *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera) : Sir, it is a matter of shame for the Government. Only yesterday you had given a ruling that Members should be provided full security. The hon. Home Minister, who is present here, also gave an assurance yesterday that Members would be provided full security. This is a matter which relates to a Minister. Sir, you are our custodian and guardian. The hon. Prime Minister is present here. This matter has been raised in the question hour. So the Government should at least clarify the position. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Sir, hon. Shri Paswan is right in saying that the hon. Home Minister has given an assurance yesterday that all hon. Members would be given full security but this is a case of a wolf in a lamb's skin. How will such cases be dealt with ? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Sir, what is the Government doing ? If B. J. P. wants to liquidate someone, will the Government let it do so ? *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR SPEAKER : Well, I am adjourning the House to meet at 12 O'clock and I will request the leaders of different parties, Home Minister and Parliamentary Affairs Minister to come to my chamber to discuss this issue.

11.12 hrs. The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve of the Clock.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Extension/Re-Employment to Employees of Public Sector Undertakings

*427. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of a Public Sector Undertaking is empowered under the existing orders to allow extension/re-employment to any of the employees beyond superannuation provided his pay including pension and pensionary equivalent of gratuity does not exceed Rs. 2500/- p.m. without reference to the Cabinet;

(b) whether the case of extension/re-employment have to be informed much in advance to the Goverament for approval;

(c) if so, the minimum time required to inform the Government